

Hoosier Riverwatch Water Monitoring Instructor Job Description

Due to the increased popularity and interest in water monitoring throughout Indiana, Volunteer Instructors are central to the continued success of the Hoosier Riverwatch program. Therefore, it is important that instructors are enthusiastic about Hoosier Riverwatch. They also need to have the skills and time necessary to promote, train, and inspire others to become interested in water quality issues and volunteer water quality monitoring. For these reasons, and due to the fact that we can only accommodate a limited number of people at each instructor training workshop, we ask that you carefully read the instructor job description prior to completing the application. If you decide the instructor position is not something you want to pursue right now, remember that two instructor training workshops will be held next year (in the spring and fall). In addition, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your past, present, and future involvement with the Hoosier Riverwatch program.

Requirements

- ◆ Previously attended Level 1 and Level 2 Hoosier Riverwatch training workshops.
- ◆ Water quality monitoring experience.
- ◆ Time, motivation, and enthusiasm to organize and conduct workshops.
- ◆ Being comfortable teaching and speaking to small and large groups.

Duties

The following are the primary duties of a Riverwatch Volunteer Water Monitoring Instructor. These duties will be outlined and discussed in greater detail at the instructor training.

- ◆ Attend two-day Hoosier Riverwatch Instructor training workshop.
- ◆ Teach Level 1 training workshops. (Level 2 training workshops may also be taught by Volunteer Instructors depending upon interest level and experience.)
- ◆ Utilize Riverwatch-provided Water Monitoring Education Trunks for teaching. These trunks will be located at regional loaner sites around the state.
- ◆ Train at least ten adult volunteers OR hold at least one public training workshop each year to retain Instructor certification.
- ◆ Limit class size at Level 1 training workshops to 10 participants.
- ◆ Limit class size at Level 2 training workshops to 6 participants. In addition, at least one Hach chemical testing kit is required for every 2 people attending the training.
- ◆ Follow the Hoosier Riverwatch trainings in content. Overheads and “lesson plans” are provided at instructor training.
- ◆ Serve as a local contact and mentor for volunteer monitors in your area.
- ◆ On a limited basis (or when requested), provide presentations and exhibits to groups about the Hoosier Riverwatch program and help recruit new volunteer monitors.

Hoosier Riverwatch Water Monitoring Instructor Application

Please print or type (If you need more room, feel free to attach another page.)

Name _____ Phone () _____

Organization _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

1. List all Hoosier Riverwatch **Level 1** training workshops you have attended (please include year, location, and instructor whenever possible).

2. List all Hoosier Riverwatch **Level 2** training workshops you have attended (please include year, location, and instructor whenever possible).

3. Have you monitored for Hoosier Riverwatch? If so, please provide a brief description of where you have monitored, how regularly, and for how long.

4. Have you submitted your data (sent copies) to Hoosier Riverwatch?

5. Please describe any experience, training, or education that you have in stream monitoring, environmental education, or natural resources.

If applicable, degrees held:

Volunteer/retired from:

6. As an instructor, you will be giving presentations and conducting workshops for groups of people. Do you feel comfortable in front of groups, and do you have any experience speaking to groups?

7. Once you are an instructor, your name will be provided to Hoosier Riverwatch volunteers as a local contact/mentor, and you will likely receive calls and/or email messages from other volunteers. Do you have any problems with this?

8. Please comment on your interest in Hoosier Riverwatch and any special skills you feel you could bring to the program as an instructor.

9. Once you become an instructor, how do you plan to use your training? Are there specific groups or activities in your area that you are planning to be involved with?

10. Any other information you would like us to know about you...